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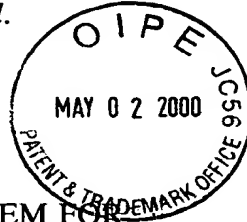
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Roehrig *et al.*

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For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR
DETECTION OF SUSPICIOUS LESIONS IN
DIGITAL MAMMOGRAMS USING A
COMBINATION OF SPICULATION AND
DENSITY SIGNALS



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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure imposed by 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 to inform the Patent Office of all references coming to the attention of Applicants or attorneys or agents for Applicants which are or may be material to the examination of the subject application, Attorneys for Applicants hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the references listed on the accompanying revised PTO Form 1449 entitled "Supplemental List of References Cited."

Identification of references listed on PTO Form 1449 is not to be construed as an admission of Applicants or attorneys for Applicants that such references are available as "prior art" against the subject application. Consequently, Applicants respectfully decline to use form PTO-1449, since this form identifies all of the references cited therein as "Prior Art." As an alternative, Applicants submit herewith a "revised form PTO 1449" entitled "Supplemental List of References Cited" instead of "List of Prior Art Cited." The right is reserved to antedate any item in accordance with standard procedure.

This submission is understood to complement the results of the Examiner's own independent search. The submission should not be construed as a representation that a search

was made, or that the cited items are inclusive of all the relevant and material citations that may be available publicly.

Copies of each cited reference are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner review the attached references and that they be made of record in the file history of the above-captioned application.

Applicants believe that the fee due pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b) is \$240.00. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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